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SUBJECT: US POSITION ON PROTOCVL I OF TREATY OF TLATELOLCO

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US AND FRANCE, II IN CASE OF USSR) AND DECLARING THAT IF
SUCH ADHERENCE IS NOT ACHIEVED BY FEBRUARY 14, 1977,

OPANAL WOULD "SUBMIT THE SITUATION CREATED" TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL. PRESUMABLY, ONE OF THE REASONS FOR UPCOMING EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE, SCHEDULED ON FEBRUARY 14 DEADLINE (WHICH IS TENTATIVE; ANNIVERSARY OF OPENING FOR SIGNATURE OF TREATY OF TLAHELCO), IS TO DRAW ATTENTION TO NON-COMPLIANCE OF NUCLEAR POWERS WITH ABOVE RESOLUTION AND TO CONSIDER FURTHER ACTION ON ISSUE, PERHAPS DECISION TO BRING MATTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. AS EMBASSY KNOWS, WE HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION TOWARD PROTOCOL I THAT NEITHER THE VIRGIN ISLANDS NOR PUERTO RICO COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE BECAUSE THE VIRGIN ISLANDS WERE PART OF US TERRITORY AND PUERTO RICO HAS A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US. HOWEVER, WE HAVE HELD THAT GUANTANAMO COULD BE INCLUDED IF CUBA JOINED THE TREATY AND THAT THE TREATY WOULD APPLY TO THE CANAL ZONE WHEN JURISDICTION OVER THE ZONE RETURNED TO PANAMA UNDER THE TREATY CURRENTLY BEING NEGOTIATED.

3. THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IS PRESENTLY CONDUCTING A THOROUGH, INTERAGENCY EXAMINATION OF US NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY, AND WE WOULD EXPECT, IN THIS CONNECTION, TO REVIEW US ATTITUDE TOWARD PROTOCOL I, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN REVIEWED SINCE THE MID-1960S. THEREFORE, WHILE NO DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO ALTER OUR PROTOCOL I POSITION AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, WE WOULD HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE UPCOMING GENERAL CONFERENCE, TO AVOID TAKING A POSTURE THAT COULD CONVEY TO OPANAL MEMBERS THE IMPRESSION THAT WE WERE OVERLY RIGID AND UNRESPONSIVE TO THEIR APPEALS THAT WE RECONSIDER THE MATTER. SUCH AN
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4. EMBASSY IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO OPANAL OFFICIALS IN MANNER DEEMED MOST APPROPRIATE (WE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO CIRCULATION BY OPANAL OF ANY WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO OPANAL MEMBERS):

A. THE US GOVERNMENT WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THE TREATY OF TLAHELCO, AS EVIDENCED BY ITS ADHERENCE TO ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL II OF THE TREATY, AND ITS HOPE FOR THE WIDEST POSSIBLE ADHERENCE TO THE TREATY AND

ITS ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS, BY LATIN AMERICAN STATES AND STATES LOCATED OUTSIDE THE REGION.

B. WITH RESPECT TO THE APPEAL CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION 74 (IV), ADOPTED APRIL 17, 1975 BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF OPANAL, THE US GOVERNMENT WISHES TO STATE THAT IT IS PRESENTLY CONDUCTING A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF ITS NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY, WHICH WILL INCLUDE A REVIEW OF THE QUESTION OF US ADHERENCE TO ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO.

C. THE US GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH OPANAL ON THIS QUESTION.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT SPECULATE ON THE OUTCOME OR TIMING OF US REVIEW. IT IS LIKELY THAT QUESTION OF POSSIBLE US ADHERENCE TO PROTOCOL I WILL BE HANDLED IN MORE EXTENDED TIME FRAME THAN GENERAL NON-PROLIFERATION REVIEW.
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